

REMARKS

Claims 1 , 3 – 13 and 44 – 49 are now pending in the application. Applicants have cancelled claims 40 – 43, the only claims rejected in the Official Action mailed December 30, 2003, to further prosecution of this application and without prejudice to their ability to prosecute them in a subsequent application, such as a continuation or divisional application. Since the claims that remain pending in the application, claims 1, 3 – 13 and 44 – 49, stand allowed, applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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